

Hopewell Worship Guide for 7/19/20

Call to Worship

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed his people. Declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say “The LORD has redeemed his servants.” *Lk 1:68, Isaiah 48:20*

Invocation: Father, all glorious in every age, in eternity, glorious in our time, It is in your Son that we behold your glory in his crucifixion suffering for us in his resurrection victorious and alive for us. Holy Father, keep us in your name, that we may be one as you are one with the Son and the Son is one with you. Keep us in that name into which we have been baptized. Keep us in the sacred bond of the covenant, that in the name of your Son we might enter into your eternal glory. For all glory, all grace and truth are to your! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three persons, one God, all glorious, forever. Amen

Old Testament Joshua 23:1-11 A long time afterward, when the Lord had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, **2** Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, “I am now old and well advanced in years. **3** And you have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the Lord your God who has fought for you. **4** Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. **5** The Lord your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the Lord your God promised you. **6** Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, **7** that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, **8** but you shall cling to the Lord your God just as you have done to this day. **9** For the Lord has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. **10** One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the Lord your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. **11** Be very careful, therefore, to love the Lord your God.

These prayer components are pulled from Matthew Henry’s Method of Prayer, a method of prayer that helps us pray the Bible. <http://www.mattthewhenry.org>

Adoration: That his truth is invariable, and the treasures of his goodness inexhaustible.

You are good, and your steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1 Your steadfast love is great toward us, Psalm 117:2 and your faithfulness endures to all generations. Psalm 100:5 You have proclaimed your name: The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Exodus 34:6-7 And this, your name, is our strong tower. Proverbs 18:10 You are good and do good, Psalm 119:68 good to all; and your mercy is over all that you have made. Psalm 145:9 But truly God is in a special manner good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. Psalm 73:1 O that you would make all your goodness pass before us, Exodus 33:19 that we may taste and see that the Lord is good, Psalm 34:8 and your steadfast love may be always before our eyes. Psalm 26:3

Lastly, that when we have said all we can of the glorious perfections of the Divine nature, we fall infinitely short of the merit of the subject.

Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of God! But the thunder of his power who can understand? Job 26:14 The Almighty – we cannot find him; he is great in power, in justice and abundant righteousness; Job 37:23 he is exalted far above all blessing and praise. Nehemiah 9:5

Confession: The breaking out of passion and rash anger.

We have not had the rule which we ought to have had over our own spirits, which have therefore been like a city broken into and left without walls. Proverbs 25:28 We have been quick in our spirits to become angry, and anger has lodged in our bosoms. Ecclesiastes 7:9 And when our spirits have been made bitter, we have spoken rashly with our lips, Psalm 106:33 and have been guilty of that clamor and bitterness which should have been put far from us. Ephesians 4:31

Our covetousness and love of the world.

Our life has not been free from love of money, Hebrews 13:5 nor have we learned in whatever situation we are to be content. Philippians 4:11 Who can say that he is clean from that love of money which is the root of all kinds of evil, 1 Timothy 6:10 that covetousness which is idolatry? Colossians 3:5 We have sought great things for ourselves when you have said, “Seek them not.” Jeremiah 45:5

Our sensuality and flesh-pleasing.

We have set our minds on the things of the flesh more than the things of the Spirit, Romans 8:5 and have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence, and have fattened our hearts in a day of slaughter. James 5:5 We have made provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires, Romans 13:14 even those passions which wage war against our souls; 1

Peter 2:11 and in many instances, we have acted as if we had been lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. 2 Timothy 3:4 When we eat and when we drink, do we not eat for ourselves and drink for ourselves? Zechariah 7:6

Petition: That we may have a well-grounded peace of conscience, a holy security and serenity of mind arising from a sense of our justification before God and a good work wrought in us.

The Lord of peace himself give us peace, all peace, at all times in every way: 2 Thessalonians 3:16 That peace which Jesus Christ has left with us, which he gives to us; such a peace as the world can neither give nor take away; such a peace as that our hearts may not be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 Let the effect of righteousness in our souls be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. Isaiah 32:17 Speak peace to your people, to your saints, and let them not turn back to folly. Psalm 85:8 O create the fruit of the lips, Peace, peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; and restore comfort to your mourners. Isaiah 57:18-19 Where the sons of peace are, let your peace find them out and rest upon them. Luke 10:6 Let us hear of your steadfast love and taste that you are good, 1 Peter 2:3 for in you do we trust. Psalm 143:8 Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus; Philippians 4:7 and let that peace rule in our hearts, to which we have been called. Colossians 3:15 May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Thanks: For signal recoveries from danger by sickness or otherwise.

When perhaps there has been but a step between us and death, 1 Samuel 20:3 and when we have felt that we have received the sentence of death, 2 Corinthians 1:9 and have been ready to say, "In the middle of our days we must depart; we are consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of our years"; Isaiah 38:10 yet in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction and cast all our sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17 When the snares of death have encompassed us and the pangs of Sheol have laid hold on us, we have called on the name of the LORD and have found that gracious is the LORD, and righteous, yes, our God is merciful; we have been brought low, and he has saved us, Psalm 116:3-6 and has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. We will therefore walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 116:8-9

Intercession: We must be humbled before God for our national sins and provocations.

But we are a sinful people, a people laden with iniquity, an offspring of evildoers; Isaiah 1:4 and we have a great deal

of reason to sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed among us. Ezekiel 9:4 Iniquity abounds among us, and the love of many has grown cold. Matthew 24:12 We have not been forsaken nor forgotten by God, though our land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. Jeremiah 51:5

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Lord's Prayer: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Assurance of Pardon: *Micah 7:19-20*

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

New Testament Reading: *Romans 7:15–25a*¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Benediction: Now in the name of the One who has made us debt free, and removed that hostility between God and His people, Having removed all our transgressions, May He be your confidence and deliver your foot from every snare.